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Honorable George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C.

Dear George:

I enclose our written view of the manner in which the CFI and its staff would relate to the Department of Defense in order to carry out the intention and the provisions of Executive Order 11905. This is fulfillment of the commitment the three of us made at the CFI meeting last Thursday, April 22.

I am also sending a copy to Bill Hyland.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Robert Ellsworth

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NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Attached is Secretary Ellsworth's position on the role of CFI/IC Staff as you requested at our last CFI meeting. We have annotated it with our views, where appropriate, for ready reference. Presumably Bill Hyland will also be providing his views.

In essence, the major areas of disagreement and the Defense rationale therefore, are as they have been from the beginning:

- IC Staff involvement with program managers; and
- CFI decision making authority.

I believe we can resolve the first by making it clear that IC Staff involvement will be with program managers' staffs, in the same manner that we are now doing--no change in current working relationships is intended. On the second, I still believe strongly that CFI must have direct involvement with program managers; and review and make decisions on the individual program and budget proposals.

Vice Admiral, USN
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Executive Secretary
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